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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 15, 2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on September 15, 2004. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 10. This Reply contains no amendments to the specification or drawings, and no appendices. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.